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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7086

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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SUBJ: SITUATION IN CHAD

SUMMARY: CEASE FIRE TEAM IS IN PLACE IN ABEICHE, ARADA
AND SALUQ. STATUS OF TEAM AT FAYA LARGEAU STILL UNCLEAR.
PRESIDENT MALLOUM RESTATES CHADIAN POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS. GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY REACHES TENTATIVE
AGREEMENT WITH REBEL LEADER ABBA SIDDICK IN LIBREVILLE.
MALLOUM AIRS DISSATISFACTION WITH NEIGHBORS IN NIGERIA.

1. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN
OFFICE, CEASE FIRE SUPERVISORY TEAMS ARE NOW IN PLACE
THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY NO OTHER SOURCE AS YET.
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AT ARADA AND SALAL AS WELL AS ABEICHE. NO ONE
SEEMS TO KNOW AT THIS MOMENT IF THE REBELS ACCEPTED
TEAM THAT WAS FLOWN TO FAYA LARGEAU TWO DAYS AGO.

2. IN DEPARTING FROM CAMEROON ON MAY 10, PRESIDENT
MALLOUM MADE A SUCCINCT BUT COMPREHENSIVE STATE-
MENT OF CHAD'S PRESENT POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS TO

ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. HE SAID IN EFFECT:
(A) FROLINAT DENUNCIATION OF SEBHA ACCORDS DOES
NOT INDICATE A RUPTURE IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THAT
MOVEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT (B) HE WOULD RESERVE
JUDGEMENT ON FROLINAT'S TRUE INTENTIONS UNTIL THE
QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT CEASE FIRE SUPERVISORY
THAMS WOULD BE ACCEPTED WAS CLEARLY RESOLVED;
(C) OAU INTERVENTION IN THE CHADIAN CONFLICT WAS STILL
A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY IF CEASE FIRE TEAMS WERE REFUSED BY FROLINAT;
AND (D) HAVING BRIEFED PRESIDENT
BONGO IN LIBREVILLE ON THE SITUATION, HE WAS OPTIMISTIC
OVER PRESENT OAU OVERTURES.

3. WHILE IN LIBREVILLE LAST WEEKEND, PRESIDENT
MALLOUM REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS
WITH REBEL LEADER ABBA SIDDICK. WHILE NO FORMAL
ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OF THE OUTCOME,
FRENCH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT TENTATIVE AGREE-
MENT WAS REACHED.

4. NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME THAT, IN
PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MALLOUM
EVENING OF MAY 10, THE LATTER COMPLAINED TO HIM OF THE
HOSTILE NATURE OF HIS NEIGHBORS IN NIGERIA. HE
POINTED OUT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT
IN LAGOS WAS OPPOSED TO HIM, BUT RATHER THAT THE
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STATE GOVERNMENTS IN THE NORTH WERE NOT UNDER LAGOS'
CONTROL AND WERE OPENLY GIVING SAFEHAVEN AND SUPPORT
TO REBEL MOVEMENT IN CHAD. BRADFORD

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